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This is Ryan Sollee with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with a fisheries announcement for Yukon Area salmon fishermen.

Harvest for Districts Y-1 and Y-2 is approximately 37,000 chinook and 6,200 summer chum salmon.

All lower Yukon River districts are currently on the Board of Fisheries subsistence fishing schedule. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule for Districts Y-1, Y-2, and Y-3 are as follows:

For District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing schedule consists of two 36-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing for salmon is allowed from 8:00 p.m. Mondays until 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays and from 8:00 p.m. Thursdays until 8:00 a.m. Saturdays.

For District Y-2, subsistence salmon fishing schedule consists of two 36-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing for salmon will be allowed from 8:00 p.m. Sunday until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesday until 8:00 a.m. Friday.

For District Y-3, subsistence salmon fishing schedule consists of two 36-hour periods each week. Subsistence fishing for salmon will be allowed from 8:00 p.m. Sunday until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and from 8:00 p.m. Wednesday until 8:00 a.m. Friday.

All subsistence fishing for salmon must be stopped during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species, such as whitefish, sheefish, and pike, is open 7 days per week. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures in Districts 1, 2, and 3 are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and 4-inches or smaller mesh size.

Fishermen are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska and Federal Subsistence Management regulations for Federal waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII before fishing in the Yukon Area. For further information regarding federal regulations please call 1-800-478-1456 or 949-1798.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at 949-1798. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Emmonak stands by on VHF channel 7A.

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